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Atlanta S.C. Dec 23^d 1908

My dear Florida —

Seton's telegram
informing us of the death of your
noble husband, was a great
shock to me, although I had
been prepared to hear it at
any time —

My heart goes out to you
my dear cousin in this
great affliction — the greatest
affliction that could have
been sent upon you.

I can fully realize and
appreciate the great void
that has come into ~~your~~ ^{your} life.
For I too, have felt it - and
known the great desolation &
loneliness that comes over
one who comes to the parting
way with their life long com-
panion. Your greatest comfort
dear cousin will be the ~~hope~~ ^{hope}
of meeting hereafter. Christianity
takes the burden from ~~our~~
shoulders, demanding only
faith - and with a true
Christian ~~and~~ resignation,

the time will seem short
when we too will be speeding
heavenward, our souls to join
the loved ones - If we can but
fix this thought like a star in
the firmament of our lives, our
steps will take the buoyancy of
youth and our voice the glad-
dom of spring. In living
deeds we would find succor
from sorrow, self would cease
to sigh, and ⁱⁿ its place would
come a grand conception
of the perfect Christian -
You will find also a great
comfort in knowing how

his State and people loved
him. A grand, noble, and
honest man has left them,
and they mourn his death,
Accept dear Florida, ^{from us all} the deep
love and sympathy for you
and your children ~~and~~
your great affliction. My
mind has been constantly
with you of late, and I
mourn with you as a brother.
I pray God to give you strength
to bear this trial.

Your loving Cousin,
Theo. G. Craft.

Answered

Theodore Lloyd
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Mrs Frank P. Fleming, Sr.,
Jacksonville,
Fla.

